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CONSUMERS' GOODS OUTPUT STILL POOR IN CHITA AND LENINGRAD

ORGANIZED PRODUCTION NECESSARY -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 92, 13 May 49

The majority of enterprises of light and local industry and of industrial and invalids' cooperatives in Chita Oblast are not meeting their plans, they have decreased the production level as compared with the first quarter 1948, and are lagging considerably behind other branches of the oblast's economy. The enterprises are producing goods not in demand by the population has made it necessary for trading organizations to import the needed goods from other parts of the country, thereby increasing costs and overloading transport facilities. The oblast imports great quantities of furniture, wheels, carts, harnesses, sewn goods, shoe polish, etc., which could be successfully produced in the oblast. Closer cooperation between trading organizations and enterprises producing consumers' goods must be established in order to organize the production and sale of goods and to increase the responsibility of enterprises for producing a wide assortment of high-quality products.

The condition of the consumers' goods enterprises demands improved organizational work by Party and soviet agencies. The assortment of goods must be immediately revised and quality improved, and continuous supplies of local raw materials must be provided.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS PRODUCTION LAGS -- Trud, No 134, 9 Jun 49

Some Leningrad plants have begun supplementary production of consumers' goods. The Kirov Plant, for example, has decided to produce hand washing machines. The "Krasnogvardeyets" Plant has arranged for the production of items needed for personal hygiene and for the home. Other enterprises in the city are producing machines for use in the home.

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However, Leningrad industry must treat this problem more seriously. Several plants have made initial preparations for producing consumers' goods for the home, but have not carried these plans through. No enterprises of the Ministry of Machine and Instrument Building have made any plans for such production.

"AVTOSHTAMP" TO MAKE COFFEETPOTS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 128, 31 May 49

The "Avtoshtamp" Artel, largest industrial cooperative enterprise in Moscow, has just completed arrangements for the mass production of polished aluminum coffeepots. The first consignment will be issued early in June. Preparations are under way for the production of teapots.

More than 100 suggestions were made for improving the organization of production and work processes. If these are put into effect, the capacity of the enterprise will be increased 25 percent, production costs will be reduced 16 percent, and 18 tons of aluminum and 8 tons of brass will be saved during 1949.

GEORGIAN ARTEL MAKES ALUMINUM TEAPOTS. -- Zarya Vostoka, No 110, 7 Jun 49

Fine aluminum teapots with a capacity of 3 - 4 liters are being produced by the "Insatskombinati" Artel in Tbilisi, Georgia. The first consignment of 10,000 teapots has been put on sale in Georgian industrial and invalids' cooperative stores.

ANDIZHAN BLACK MARKET IN SHOES -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 80, 24 Apr 49

Parents have a very difficult time in buying shoes for growing children in Andizhan. Low-heeled shoes cannot be found in a single shop. Parents have to buy high-heeled shoes or else turn to the "services" of speculators.

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